

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for transmitting packet data from a user equipment (UE) to Node Bs in a code division multiple access (CDMA) mobile communication system, wherein a plurality of the Node Bs are adjacent to each other, and the UE is located in the soft handover region occupied by the Node Bs, the method comprising the steps of:
receiving scheduling commands transmitted from the Node Bs;
determining scheduling control information by combining weighted scheduling commands, which are determined considering weighting factors ;
and
transmitting the packet data to the Node Bs according to the determined scheduling control information,
wherein the weighting factors is determined individually for the scheduling commands.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of weighting factors is determined considering a physical position and a cell size of each of the Node Bs by a radio network controller (RNC) for managing the Node Bs.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein as the cell size decreases, a higher weighting factor is applied.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining the scheduling control information comprises the steps of:
comparing a random variable x , which randomly generated within a range between 0 and 1, with a threshold T_{send} , which is calculated by

$$T_{send} = 1 - \sum_{n=1}^N w_n \times grant_n, \text{ where } w_n \text{ denotes a weighting factor previously}$$

determined for each of the scheduling commands, and $grant_n$ denotes packet data transmission allowability of each of the Node Bs;

outputting a final scheduling grant value indicating transmission
5 possibility of the packet data according to the comparison result;

multiplying maximum data rates of the Node Bs, which are provided as
the scheduling commands by the weighting factors previously individually
determined for the scheduling commands;

adding the maximum data rates multiplied by the weighting factors; and
10 outputting the addition result as a final maximum data rate.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein if the random variable x is at
least equal to the threshold T_{send} , the final scheduling grant value indicates that
15 transmission of the packet data is possible, and if the random variable x is
smaller than the threshold T_{send} , the final scheduling grant value indicates that
transmission of the packet data is impossible.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining the
20 scheduling control information comprises the steps of:

comparing a random variable x , which is randomly generated within a
range between 0 and k , with a threshold T_{send} , which is calculated by

$$T_{send} = k - \sum_{n=1}^N w_n \times grant_n, \text{ where } w_n \text{ denotes a weighting factor}$$

previously determined for each of the scheduling commands, and $grant_n$ denotes
25 packet data transmission allowability of each of the Node Bs;

outputting a final scheduling grant value indicating transmission
possibility of the packet data according to the comparison result;

multiplying maximum data rates of the Node Bs, which are provided as

the scheduling commands by the weighting factors previously individually determined for the scheduling commands;

adding the maximum data rates multiplied by the weighting factors;

dividing the addition result by k , which a sum of the weighting factors;

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outputting the division result as a final maximum data rate.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining the scheduling control information comprises the steps of:

10 calculating a combined information bit by multiplying packet data allowability information bits of the Node Bs provided as the scheduling commands by the weighting factors previously, individually determined for the scheduling commands and adding up the multiplication results;

comparing the combined information bit with a random variable x , which
15 is randomly generated within a range between 0 and 1;

outputting a final scheduling grant value indicating transmission possibility of the packet data according to the comparison result;

multiplying maximum data rates of the Node Bs provided as the scheduling commands by the weighting factors previously, individually
20 determined for the scheduling commands;

adding the maximum data rates multiplied by the weighting factors; and

outputting the addition result as a final maximum data rate.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining the
25 scheduling control information comprises the steps of:

calculating a combined information bit by multiplying packet data allowability information bits of the Node Bs provided as the scheduling commands by the weighting factors previously, individually determined for the scheduling commands and adding up the multiplication results;

30 comparing the combined information bit with a threshold T_{send} , which is

provided from a radio network controller (RNC);

outputting a final scheduling grant value indicating transmission possibility of the packet data according to the comparison result;

5 multiplying maximum data rates of the Node Bs provided as the scheduling commands by the weighting factors previously, individually determined for the scheduling commands;

adding the maximum data rates multiplied by the weighting factors; and

outputting the addition result as a final maximum data rate.

10 9. The method of claim 8, wherein if the combined information bit is at least equal to the threshold T_{send} , the final scheduling grant value indicates that transmission of the packet data is possible, and if the combined information bit is lower than the threshold T_{send} , the final scheduling grant value indicates that transmission of the packet data is impossible.

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10. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining the scheduling control information comprises the steps of:

calculating a combined control command bit by multiplying control command bits of the Node Bs provided as the scheduling commands by the weighting factors previously, individually determined for the scheduling commands and adding up the multiplication results;

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comparing the combined control command bit with an upper threshold T_{up} and a lower threshold T_{down} ;

outputting a final control command bit according to the comparison result;

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controlling a previously used maximum allowed data rate according to the final control command bit; and

outputting the controlled maximum allowed data rate as a maximum allowed data rate for transmitting the packet data.

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11. The method of claim 10, wherein the step of outputting the final control command bit comprises the steps of:

outputting the final control command bit for requesting an increase in the previously used maximum allowed data rate, if the combined control command bit is larger than the upper threshold T_{up} ;

outputting the final control command bit for requesting a hold of the previously used maximum allowed data rate, if the combined control command bit is not larger than the upper threshold T_{up} and is larger than the lower threshold T_{down} ; and

10 outputting the final control command bit for requesting a decrease in the previously used maximum allowed data rate, if the combined control command bit is not larger than the lower threshold T_{down} .

12. The method of claim 10, wherein the weighting factors previously, individually determined for the scheduling commands, the upper threshold T_{up} , and the lower threshold T_{down} are provided through a radio resource control (RRC) message from a radio network controller (RNC) for managing the Node Bs.

20 13. The method of claim 10, wherein a sum of the weighting factors previously, individually determined for the scheduling commands is 1.

14. An apparatus for transmitting packet data from a user equipment (UE) to Node Bs in a code division multiple access (CDMA) mobile communication system, including wherein a plurality of the Node Bs being are adjacent to one each another, and the UE is located in the soft handover region occupied by the Node Bs, the apparatus comprising:

a scheduling command combiner for receiving scheduling commands transmitted from the Node Bs, and determining scheduling control information
30 by combining weighted scheduling commands, which are determined considering

weighting factors; and

a packet transmitter for transmitting the packet data to the Node Bs according to the scheduling control information

wherein the weighting factors is determined individually for the
5 scheduling commands.

15. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the packet transmitter determines a transport format according to maximum data rate information included in the scheduling control information and a status of a data buffer
10 storing the packet data, and transmits the packet data to the Node Bs according to the transport format, if it is determined from the scheduling control information that transmission of the packet data is possible.

16. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein each of the weighting factors
15 is determined by a radio network controller (RNC) that manages the Node Bs, considering a physical position and a cell size of each of the Node Bs.

17. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein as the cell size decreases, a
higher weighting factor is applied.
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18. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the scheduling command combiner comprises:

a scheduling grant value generator for (i) comparing a random variable x , which is randomly generated within a range between 0 and 1, with a threshold

25 T_{send} , which is calculated by $T_{\text{send}} = 1 - \sum_{n=1}^N w_n \times \text{grant}_n$, where w_n denotes a

weighting factor previously determined for each of the scheduling commands, and grant_n denotes packet data transmission allowability of each of the Node Bs, and (ii) outputting a final scheduling grant value indicating transmission possibility of the packet data according to the comparison result; and

a maximum data rate generator for multiplying maximum data rates of the Node Bs, which are provided as the scheduling commands by the weighting factors previously, individually determined for the scheduling commands, adding the maximum data rates multiplied by the weighting factors, and outputting the
5 addition result as a final maximum data rate.

19. The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the scheduling grant value generator outputs the final scheduling grant value indicating that transmission of the packet data is possible, if the random variable x is at least equal to the
10 threshold T_{send} , and outputs the final scheduling grant value indicating that transmission of the packet data is impossible, if the random variable x is smaller than the threshold T_{send} .

20. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the scheduling command
15 combiner comprises:

a scheduling grant value generator for comparing a random variable x , which is randomly generated within a range between 0 and k , with a threshold T_{send} , which is calculated by $T_{\text{send}} = k - \sum_{n=1}^N w_n \times \text{grant}_n$, where w_n denotes a
weighting factor previously determined for each of the scheduling commands,
20 and grant_n denotes packet data transmission allowability of each of the Node Bs, and outputting a final scheduling grant value indicating transmission possibility of the packet data according to the comparison result; and

a maximum data rate generator for multiplying maximum data rates of the Node Bs, which are provided as the scheduling commands by the weighting
25 factors previously, individually determined for the scheduling commands, adding the maximum data rates multiplied by the weighting factors, dividing the addition result by k , and outputting the division result as a final maximum data rate.

21. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the scheduling command combiner comprises:

a scheduling grant value generator for calculating a combined information bit by multiplying packet data allowability information bits of the
 5 Node Bs, which are provided as the scheduling commands by the weighting factors previously, individually determined for the scheduling commands, adding the addition results, comparing the combined information bit with a random variable x , which is randomly generated within a range between 0 and 1, and outputting a final scheduling grant value indicating transmission possibility of
 10 the packet data according to the comparison result; and

a maximum data rate generator for multiplying maximum data rates of the Node Bs, which are provided as the scheduling commands by the weighting factors previously, individually determined for the scheduling commands, adding the maximum data rates multiplied by the weighting factors, and outputting the
 15 addition result as a final maximum data rate.

22. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the scheduling command combiner comprises:

a scheduling grant value generator for calculating a combined
 20 information bit by multiplying packet data allowability information bits of the Node Bs, which are provided as the scheduling commands by the weighting factors previously, individually determined for the scheduling commands, adding the multiplication results, comparing the combined information bit with a threshold T_{send} provided from a radio network controller (RNC), and outputting a
 25 final scheduling grant value indicating transmission possibility of the packet data according to the comparison result; and

a maximum data rate generator for multiplying maximum data rates of the Node Bs, which are provided as the scheduling commands by the weighting factors previously, individually determined for the scheduling commands, adding
 30 the maximum data rates multiplied by the weighting factors, and outputting the

addition result as a final maximum data rate.

23. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the scheduling grant value generator outputs the final scheduling grant value for indicating that transmission
5 of the packet data is possible, if the combined information bit is at least equal to the threshold T_{send} , and outputs the final scheduling grant value for indicating that transmission of the packet data is impossible, if the combined information bit is lower than the threshold T_{send} .

10 24. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the scheduling command combiner comprises:

a plurality of multipliers for multiplying control command bits of the Node Bs, which are provided as the scheduling commands by the weighting factors previously, individually determined for the scheduling commands;

15 an adder for adding the control command bits multiplied by the weighting factors, and outputting a combined control command bit; and

a comparator for comparing the combined control command bit with an upper threshold T_{up} and a lower threshold T_{down} , and outputting a final control command bit according to the comparison result.

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25. The apparatus of claim 24, further comprising:

a memory for storing a maximum allowed data rate used for transmitting previous packet data; and

25 an allowed data rate calculator for reading the previously used maximum allowed data rate from the memory, controlling the previously used maximum allowed data rate according to the final control command bit, and outputting a final allowed data rate for transmitting the packet data.

26. The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the comparator (i) outputs
30 the final control command bit for requesting an increase in the previously used

maximum allowed data rate, if the combined control command bit is larger than the upper threshold T_{up} , (ii) outputs the final control command bit for requesting a hold of the previously used maximum allowed data rate, if the combined control command bit is not larger than the upper threshold T_{up} and is larger than
 5 the lower threshold T_{down} , and (iii) outputs the final control command bit requesting a decrease in the previously used maximum allowed data rate, if the combined control command bit is not larger than the lower threshold T_{down} .

27. The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the weighting factors
 10 previously, individually determined for the scheduling commands, the upper threshold T_{up} , and the lower threshold T_{down} are provided through a radio resource control (RRC) message from a radio network controller (RNC) for managing the Node Bs.

15 28. The apparatus of claim 24, wherein a sum of the weighting factors previously, individually determined for the scheduling commands is 1.

29. A method for applying at least one of a plurality of weighting factors for each of a plurality of cells by a radio network controller (RNC) that
 20 manages the plurality of cells so that a user equipment (UE) located in a soft handover region can transmit packet data according to scheduling commands from the plurality of cells considering the weighting factors, in a code division multiple access (CDMA) mobile communication system, wherein a plurality of the cells are adjacent to each other, and the UE is located in the soft handover
 25 region occupied by the cells, the method comprising the steps of:

calculating each of the plurality of weighting factors to be in inverse proportion to a radius r_i of each of the plurality of cells and to be in proportion to a particular value k defined $\sum_{i=1}^N k/r_i = 1$, where N denotes a number of the cells; and

transmitting the weighting factors individually calculated for the cells to the UE through a radio resource control (RRC) message.

30. The method of claim 29, wherein a weighting factor for a particular cell is calculated as a quotient obtained by dividing the particular value k by the radius r_i of the particular cell.

31. A method for applying a weighting factor for a cell by a radio network controller (RNC) that manages a plurality of cells so that a user equipment (UE) located in a soft handover region can transmit packet data according to scheduling commands from the plurality of cells considering a plurality of weighting factors, in a code division multiple access (CDMA) mobile communication system, wherein a plurality of the cells are adjacent to each other, and the UE is located in the soft handover region occupied by the cells, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving from the UE a path loss γ_i , which is determined according to a strength of a common pilot signal measured for each of the plurality of cells;

calculating the plurality of weighting factors to be in inverse proportion to the path loss γ_i of each of the plurality of cells and to be in proportion to a particular value k defined by $\sum_{i=1}^N k / \gamma_i = 1$, where N denotes a number of the cells; and

transmitting the weighting factors individually calculated for each of the plurality of cells to the UE through a radio resource control (RRC) message.

32. The method of claim 31, wherein a weighting factor for a particular cell is calculated as a quotient obtained by dividing the particular value k by the path loss γ_i measured for the particular cell.